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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 22 October - 26 October 2001

Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~AIUO~~) **October 2001:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed general material older than 25 years.

(U//~~AIUO~~) **15 November 2001:** **Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP):** Next Liaisons' meeting at Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB), Washington, DC.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~AIUO~~) **April 2003:** The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended, for unreviewed intelligence-related or multi-agency records.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//~~AIUO~~) IMS Training

(U//~~AIUO~~) "Information Disclosure Laws" Course Graduates 35

(U//~~AIUO~~) Thirty-five students completed the course "Information Disclosure Laws Affecting the CIA" last week at [redacted]. The popular course is hosted by IMS twice yearly, and will be held again in April 2002. The three-day course gives students a basic understanding of the various statutes, cases, and executive orders requiring the CIA to review, declassify, and release information to the public. IMS trainers and guest speakers presented topics including Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS), Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP), Criminal/Civil Litigation, CIA Records Management, and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) processing.

(U//~~AIUO~~) Litigation

(U//~~FOUO~~) Agency Wins Important Litigation Under FOIA

(U//~~FOUO~~) The CIA won an important litigation suit brought by the Assassination Archives and Research Center under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for the release of a five-volume set of biographies on Cubans compiled by the CIA in 1962. The Agency had argued the biographies should be protected under the FOIA under exemptions (b)(1) -- material classified in the interest of national defense -- and (b)(3) -- material exempted under the DCI's statutory obligations to protect sources and methods. On 24 October the court in an Order and Judgement granted the Agency's Motion for Summary Judgment, finding for the Agency as a matter of law. [redacted]

(U//~~AIUO~~) CIA Declassification Center

(U//~~AIUO~~) CDC Plans To Survey USAF Records for CIA Equities

(U//~~AIUO~~) Representatives from the CIA Declassification Center (CDC) met with Colonel Carol Sikes of the USAF at Bolling AFB last week to make plans for a CDC review/capture team to process the estimated 500,000 pages of material containing CIA equities located at the Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama. Col. Sikes agreed with CDC's plans to send the team to Alabama in early December and was supportive of CDC's plans to survey CIA equities located at the Air Force Historical Support Office at Bolling AFB. [redacted]

(U//~~AIUO~~) **From the Archives: In 1979, DCI Defends CIA Against Charges that Its Analysis Is Affected by Politics**

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(U//~~ATUO~~) DCI Stansfield Turner defended the Agency against charges that its analysis was affected by politics, according to a 1979 speech that was recently reviewed by the DCI team at the CIA Declassification Center. In the speech, DCI Turner stated, "If we are ever accused of being politicized, pull some of these examples out of your hip pocket. Would a politicized Agency have disclosed in the middle of the SALT II debates that the Soviets had a brigade in Cuba? Would a politicized Agency have undercut an Administration policy on Korea by revealing a build-up of North Korean military forces? Would a politicized Agency in the middle of a debate on the Panama Canal Treaty have disclosed that some of Trujillo's relatives were dealing in drugs? Would a politicized Agency have published some of the unclassified studies we have published in the last couple of years, some of which have not been very popular with the policy makers?" [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) FOIA Requests

(U//~~ATUO~~) Requester from MIT Interested in Iraq's Republican Guard

(U//~~ATUO~~) A requester with the Security Studies Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology sought information on the "location, status and activities of Iraq's Republican Guard forces, including armored, mechanized, infantry and special forces units, between February 24, 1991 and April 1, 1991."

- The FOIA case officer advised the requester that the requested information would be under the auspices of the Department of Defense and suggested that he contact that agency for further assistance. [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Requester Seeks Publication on Stealth Programs

(U//~~ATUO~~) A North Carolina requester asked for a copy of "US Stealth Programs and Technology: Soviet Exploitation of the Western Press, August 1988."

- The FOIA case officer provided a copy of the document from the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database. [redacted]

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(U//~~ATUO~~) National Security Archive Interested in 1999 Indian Airline Hijacking

(U//~~ATUO~~) The National Security Archive requested information on "the December 24, 1999 hijacking of New Delhi bound Indian Airlines flight IC-814 originating in Kathmandu, Nepal...the flight finally halted in Kandahar, Afghanistan on December 25, 1999, where on December 31, 1999, the passengers were released under condition that three militants be released from prison in India. The hijackers and the militants are suspected to have fled to Pakistan."

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(U//~~ATUO~~) Requester Seeks Information on 1979 Sino-Vietnamese War

(U//~~ATUO~~) An Alexandria, Virginia requester asked for records on the Sino-Vietnamese War of 1979. Specifically, the requester wants "copies of any finished intelligence products [CIA] prepared after the war and NIE's on the Chinese and Vietnamese build up to the war and the military movements of the Chinese and Vietnamese forces after the war."

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This is a record.

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